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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox in Chicago, Ill.—One case on steamer Atlanta—Crew vaccinated and vessel fumigated.

Surgeon Banks, at Chicago, reports, February 9 and 11, as follows:

A case of illness in an unvaccinated seaman on the steamer *Atlanta* was reported to me yesterday, and upon examination was found to be smallpox. I detailed two of the medical staff of the station to vaccinate the officers and crew, 62 in number, which was performed under my supervision. The infected quarters were treated with formaldehyde fumigation after the seaman had been removed to the isolation hospital by the municipal authorities.

There are 85 cases of smallpox now under treatment in the city isolation hospital. The disease is generally of a mild type. One case applied at the out-patient office yesterday, and was removed by the municipal authorities.

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports as follows:

	Week ended Feb. 4.
Persons inspected on trains	111
Persons held	0
Pullman cars fumigated	7

Bags of Pullman linen disinfected, 45; persons inspected on footbridge, 2,943.

Inspection at El Paso, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports as follows:

Week ended February 4, 1905: Inspection Mexican Central passengers, 274; inspection Mexican immigrants, 74; inspection Japanese, 4; fumigation carload of bones, 1; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry work, 387 pieces; vaccination of children of immigrants, 7.